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Examiner:	Szekely P.	Group Art Unit:	1714

This Transmittal Sheet is accompanied by

Reply to Office Action mailed February 9, 2005, and an Acknowledgement Postcard

Fee Calculations (Applicant is a small entity)

5 It is believed that no fee is due

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REPLY

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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This paper is a reply to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2005, which is a final rejection. Reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of this application are requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

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Applicant believes that the Examiner will have no difficulty in agreeing that the Amendments and Remarks below overcome the objections and rejections made in the Office Action. If that is not the case, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned (650-854-6304), in the expectation that Applicant will be anxious to resolve any remaining issues without the necessity of an appeal. If the Examiner does indeed find the application to be in condition for allowance, a telephone call to that effect would be much appreciated.

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Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 4 of this Reply

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Remarks/arguments begin on page 15 of this Reply.

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